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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: GENES ASSOCIATED WITH LEISHMANIA PARASITE  
VIRULENCE  
being a Continuation of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/FR02/02086 filed June 17, 2002  
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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR02/02086 filed June 17, 2002 which claimed priority of French Patent Application No. 01/07985 filed June 18, 2001.

The application, which is not in the English language is enclosed, for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application in accordance with 37 C.F.R §1.52(d) and §808.01 of the MPEP, Filing of Non-English Language Applications:

1. Non-English/Application 57 pages, including at least 1 independent claim and 35 claims total
2. Drawings 15 sheets of drawings containing 18 figures.
3. Sequence Listing in Written Form consisting of 19 pages.
4. Cover page of International Publication No. WO 02/103002 A2
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	35	-	20	15	x \$18	270.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3		x \$86	
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6. A check for \$1040.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$270.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on French Application No. 01/07985, filed June 18, 2001.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

An English translation of the non-English language papers will be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within the required time period.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,

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